

1 MEETING OF THE  
2 COASTAL MARSHLANDS SHORE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

3  
4 November 14, 2025

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A P P E A R A N C E S

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Walter Rabon, Chairman
- Brad Brookshire
- Davis Poole
- Dr. Valerie Hepburn

COASTAL RESOURCES STAFF PRESENT:

- Doug Haymans
- Karl Burgess
- Jill Andrews
- Josh Noble
- Paul Tobler
- Maitland Bass
- Deborah Barreiro
- Diana Patrick

Also in Attendance:

- Claire Provano, Deputy Attorney General
- Corporal Zach Griffis, Law Enforcement Division

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2 COMMISSIONER RABON: Good morning. We will call the  
3 November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 CMPC meeting to order.

4 We have a couple of guests that I would like to recognize in  
5 the back. We have Corporal Zach Griffis with us from the Law  
6 Enforcement Division.

7 And to my right, we have Claire Provano, in person, from the  
8 Attorney General's office with us this morning.

9 The order for the projects is as stated on the final agenda.  
10 Today we have three applications for our Committee. The first  
11 one is the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act, City of Brunswick  
12 to maintain a portion of the Howard Coffin Park drainage ditches,  
13 to construct and maintain a bank stabilization project and  
14 replace the culverts, tidal ditches, Brunswick, Glynn County,  
15 Georgia.

16 Our second project will be for the Coastal Marshlands  
17 Protection Act, Mark Hanly and Kim C. Hanly to construct and  
18 maintain a living shoreline at 1800 Blythe Island Drive, Hillery  
19 Creek, Brunswick, in Glynn County, Georgia.

20 And finally, our third project will be for the Coastal  
21 Marshlands Protection Act for the Savannah Yacht Club, Inc., to  
22 dredge and maintain dredging at an existing private marina and  
23 adjacent residential subdivision at 731 Bradley Point Road,  
24 Wilmington River, Long Field Creek, and the adjacent residential  
25 subdivision on Tom Thumb Creek, Whitemarsh Island, Savannah,

1 Chatham County, Georgia.

2 And at this time, I would like to ask for a motion to  
3 approve our September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 minutes.

4 MR. POOLE: I make a motion.

5 DR. HEPBURN: Second.

6 COMMISSIONER RABON: I have a motion and a second. And  
7 y'all are going to be very busy today. hopefully.

8 DR. HEPBURN: We really are.

9 COMMISSIONER RABON: Thank you. I have a motion and a  
10 second. Any discussion?

11 [NOTE: No response.]

12 COMMISSIONER RABON: Hearing none, all in favor please aye.

13 COMMITTEE IN UNISON: Aye.

14 COMMISSIONER RABON: The motion is carried.

15 I will now call on Paul to introduce our first project.

16 MR. TOBLER: Thank you, Mr. Commissioner.

17 Today I'm going to introduce the CMPA application for the  
18 City of Brunswick. This project is located on a portion of a  
19 tidal drainage ditches in Howard Coffin Park, City of Brunswick,  
20 Glynn County, Georgia.

21 The project is to maintain a portion of the Howard Coffin  
22 Park drainage ditches, to construct and maintain a bank  
23 stabilization project, and to replace a culvert. The project is  
24 within the City of Brunswick, Glynn County, Georgia.

25 Now I would like to introduce the agent for the project

1 Mr.Sam LaBarba.

2 MR. LaBARBA: Good morning, everybody. Thank you for being  
3 here and an opportunity to present the project.

4 These are a few photos of the existing site conditions.  
5 It's a little hard to see with the lights on, but there's a  
6 culvert that goes underneath the little walking path that crosses  
7 over. It looks like that is looking back to the west.

8 This photo here is looking on the other side, looking on the  
9 east toward 17. And that looks like it's look back toward the --  
10 okay. That's the GDOT culvert looking back at our project area.  
11 So this culvert is located up here in that photo.

12 Just something to point out that's a little unique, even  
13 though this is ditch-maintenance project, you can see in the  
14 photos where some oysters are growing at the site already. And  
15 so that was the reasoning for including the oyster reef  
16 establishment in our plan.

17 There we go. So the proposed project is located on the  
18 eastern-most 350 linear feet of drainage ditches that will focus  
19 on stabilization of the eroding ditch banks and restoring flow  
20 for proper conveyance of stormwater.

21 There is an existing, undersized, and perched culvert that  
22 bisects the project area that is exacerbating the already active  
23 bank erosion. This section of the ditch is also experiencing  
24 greater erosion due to the poorly designed culvert, proximity to  
25 the impervious surfaces and, accelerated tidal exchange.

1           So where it's pointing right there is where that culvert is,  
2 and especially on the downstream side or the eastern side. It  
3 perched at least a foot or two above the bottom elevation. And  
4 so it's just making the erosion worse underneath that pipeline.

5           The project is to stabilize the eroding banks of the ditch,  
6 using a nature based solution in three distinct sections of the  
7 project area to improve stormwater conveyance from residential  
8 areas by excavation of accumulated sediment, the installation of  
9 a new box culvert and the containment of regularly flooding onto  
10 the upland park amenities on the southeastern corner of the  
11 project area using nature based solutions.

12           So that area we're talking about is right here. You can see  
13 the walking trail coming around. And very frequently, especially  
14 during storms, that whole park, the walkway and everything will  
15 get flooded. So that is where we came up with that DredgeSox  
16 approach which will prevent that from happening.

17           So this first section, which is west of the culvert -- so  
18 here's our walking trail and our culvert. Working on that  
19 western portion, the northern bank will be stabilized using a  
20 DredgeSox material. And there were several reasons for doing  
21 that, is the access back there a little limited for grading due  
22 to this fence and utility building there.

23           So that whole shoreline will utilize the DredgeSox. The  
24 southern bank where we have the ability to grade back a little  
25 back bit will be Flexamat with a rip rap toe. And then all of

1 the existing vegetation will be replanted into it, and will also  
2 introduce new Spartina grass.

3 The southern bank is 992.4 square feet of Flexamat, and  
4 433.7 square feet of rip rap. And the total impact for Section 1  
5 will be 2,158.9 square feet. And that is also the dimension of  
6 the culvert in there. So where that culvert comes out, that will  
7 be replaced with the box culvert.

8 So now we're looking at the eastern side. So there's that  
9 reference point again, the culvert coming through. The western  
10 and eastern ends will be stabilized with Flexamat and rip rap toe  
11 directly adjacent to the outlet of the proposed box culvert and  
12 the inlet of the GDOT pipe.

13 The middle portion of the Section 2 will be a combination of  
14 oyster tables and oyster bags for toe protection, along with  
15 lower layers of of stabilization. The upper layer will be a  
16 combination of coir logs and coir matting with a toe of oyster  
17 bags.

18 Stabilization in Section 2 will result in approximately  
19 4,320.9 square feet of total impacts.

20 And just to explain the reasoning for that a little bit,  
21 right where that pipe comes out where the chance of erosion and  
22 scouring is highest, that's where we kept the Flexamat, and  
23 utilized the rip rap for a toe, just because that's where the  
24 most energy is going to be coming out of on an outgoing tide.

25 And then as you get a little further from where the new box

1 culvert is going to be, that energy will dissipate a little bit.  
2 So we kept the Flexamat at the top, but we switched to rip rap to  
3 oysters, and then down here on the right side and this northwest  
4 side is where there's a lot of existing vegetation there that we  
5 didn't want to impact too much. And so that coir matting and  
6 coir logs will just help introduce the new plants where they're  
7 missing and is keeping the oysters along the bottom.

8 And then when you get to that GDOT pipe again, you get a  
9 little higher chance of erosion. So we switched back to the  
10 Flexamat and rip rap there.

11 In that photo where we saw oysters, there were right into  
12 this area.

13 Section 3 will be for that tidal salt pan area. It has been  
14 subject to prolonged tidal flooding and created a salt-pan type  
15 area. Approximately 356.1 square feet of DredgeSox will be used  
16 to create a 3-foot high vegetated berm to encapsulate the area, a  
17 18 square foot bubbler box will be installed at the southern end  
18 of the salt pan outside of CMPA jurisdiction to facilitate the  
19 stormwater drainage to the ditch in a controlled manner.

20 Stabilization of Section 3 will result in approximately  
21 356.1 square feet. And so right here is where we start to get  
22 that -- this whole area is low elevation. And so that DredgeSox,  
23 it basically like an encapsulated berm that you can pre-seed and  
24 also plant directly into it.

25 And so when the tide does come up during the storm surges



1 and things like that, rather than crossing over into the park,  
2 there will be a 3-foot high berm here that will keep that water  
3 contained. And the bubbler box is for the parking lot down here  
4 to the south that typically drains through this little ditch.  
5 And so to get the water from this side of the berm to that side  
6 of the berms we had to implement a structure. And we did pull it  
7 back and keep it out of the marsh jurisdiction.

8 COMMISSIONER RABON: Okay. Paul, if you will give us our  
9 special conditions.

10 MR. TOBLER: Yes. So the special conditions for this  
11 project, No. 1, permittee may be required to provide a  
12 post-construction survey to the department upon completion.  
13 Survey shall comply with the Georgia Plat Act.

14 No. 2, erosion control structures, such as silt fences, must  
15 be maintained during construction and removed immediately once  
16 construction is complete at each site.

17 And No. 3, only native coastal vegetation shall be planted  
18 in the project area.

19 Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER RABON: Thank you, Paul.

21 We have one individual who has signed up for public comment.  
22 I will now call on Kat Montgomery. And I would ask you to speak  
23 only to this project at the time.

24 MS. MONTGOMERY: Thank you, Commissioner.

25 Good morning, everybody. And thank you for the opportunity

1 to comment on the project. My name is Kat Montgomery. I'm the  
2 South Coast Advocate for One Hundred Miles, a conservation  
3 organization dedicated to protecting Georgia's one-hundred-mile  
4 coast through advocacy, education, and community engagement.

5 One Hundred Miles has expressed our support for living  
6 shoreline projects to y'all several times. So that's what I'm  
7 doing this morning.

8 We're very excited about this project. And we applaud the  
9 City of Brunswick's forward thinking plans to develop the banks  
10 of Howard Coffin Park needs to a living shoreline. Living  
11 shorelines are the best way to protect our existing  
12 infrastructure from sea level rise, and also to allow natural  
13 plants habitat migration needed for our coast to become more  
14 resilient to Georgia's changing environment.

15 We're also very excited about how visible this project will  
16 be because a lot of living shorelines or more, you know, in  
17 remote locations. So this one will be right along Highway 17.  
18 And that's also right where our main hub is. So again, we're  
19 just excited about this project.

20 Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER RABON: Thank you. Any comments from the  
22 agent?

23 MR. LaBARBA: No. Just available to answer questions if you  
24 have any.

25 COMMISSIONER RABON: Okay. Staff's response to any of the

1 comments.

2 MR. TOBLER: No, sir. They're all very favorable.

3 COMMISSIONER RABON: At this time, does the Committee have  
4 any questions?

5 MR. BROOKSHIRE: Just out of curiosity, how old is the  
6 current structure that's there?

7 MR. TOBLER: This culvert, I'm not sure exactly. I mean,  
8 that walking path has been for decades as an access point across  
9 there. So I would say that the function of that crossover and  
10 pipe has probably about been thirty or more years.

11 The pipe may have been replaced on the some point. So at  
12 that specific point, I'm not sure how old that one is.

13 MR. BROOKSHIRE: Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER RABON: All right. At this time I will  
15 entertain a motion?

16 DR. HEPBURN: Mr.Chairman, I move that we approve the  
17 project with the regular and special conditions, and give  
18 accommodations to the City and Sam for doing it, and doing it  
19 well.

20 MR. LaBARBA: Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER RABON: I have a motion. Can I get a second?

22 MR. BROOKSHIRE: Second.

23 COMMISSIONER RABON: I have a second. Any further  
24 discussion?

25 [NOTE: No response.]

1 COMMISSIONER RABON: Hearing none, I will now call in  
2 question the vote. All in favor please say aye.

3 COMMITTEE IN UNISOME: Aye.

4 COMMISSIONER RABON: Any opposed?

5 [NOTE: No response.]

6 COMMISSIONER RABON: The motion is carried.

7 Thank you.

8 I will now call on Maitland who will introduce our next  
9 project.

10 MS. BASS: Thank you, Commissioner. Good morning everyone.  
11 I'm Maitland Bass.

12 The applicant for this Coastal Marshlands Protection Act  
13 permit application is Mark Hanly and Kim C. Hanly. The project  
14 location is at 1800 Blythe Island Drive on Hillery Creek,  
15 Brunswick, Georgia, Glynn County. The proposed project is to  
16 construct and maintain a living shoreline.

17 I will now introduce the agent, Sam LaBarba, to present the  
18 project.

19 MR. LaBARBA: Just a little backstory on this project, the  
20 Hanlys purchased this island, I think, about two years ago. And  
21 so when we first engaged with them they were asking us about  
22 permitting to put in a bulkhead. And Mr. Hanly's health has not  
23 been that good. So one of his biggest concerns was putting  
24 something in place that his wife wouldn't have to worry about in  
25 the future, you know, if and when he passes.

1           And so we talked to him about the options of bulkheads and  
2           rip rap, and living shoreline, and ultimately decided that a  
3           living shoreline would be the best maintenance going forward for  
4           his wife and for their family. And so that's how we were able to  
5           transition from a massive bulkhead around the entire island to  
6           the living shoreline.

7           The project site is located at Hillery Island, a 13-acre  
8           privately-owned island, historical known as Camp Glynn. The  
9           shoreline is currently unprotected and experiencing active tidal  
10          erosion.

11          There is an existing roughly 10 by 20,744-foot causeway  
12          leading to an approximately 15 by 180-foot bridge used to access  
13          the island.

14          There is a small section, approximately 100 linear feet of  
15          rip rap at the north side of the bridge that kinda extends  
16          underneath and to the left and to the right, and around 100  
17          linear feet of rip rap on the western edge of the island  
18          underneath and adjacent to the dock.

19          The applicant proposes to construct and maintain a living  
20          shoreline along two distinct segments of the shoreline, which  
21          we'll refer to as the *southern* and the *western banks* in the CMPA  
22          jurisdiction.

23          The marshland component of the project consists of  
24          constructing and maintaining a living shoreline along two  
25          shoreline segments totaling approximately 1,373 linear feet.

1           Before the stabilization project can be constructed, the  
2 creek bank will be graded to establish a 2 to 1 to a 3 to 1  
3 slope. You can see the shoreline there which consists of a lot  
4 of vegetation, that's upland vegetation that's falling down into  
5 the creek.

6           And something to note, too, is our project is very limited  
7 in scope to where that erosional area is. You can see how far  
8 the mean low water is. We're not going to be anywhere near that  
9 far. We'll be keeping all of the impacts up here, and about half  
10 of the impacts are on the upland residential area.

11           And what we refer to as the southern shoreline extends from  
12 the area adjacent to the bridge to the southwest corner of the  
13 island. Approximately 695 square feet of Spartina grass will be  
14 harvested from the southern shoreline and stored or replanting  
15 once the shoreline is installed. Approximately 771 square feet  
16 of rip rap will be placed on the existing rip rap armoring for  
17 the bridge abutment.

18           Proposed stabilization will begin immediately west of the  
19 existing rip rap with placement of 420 linear feet of DredgeSox  
20 that we pre-seeded with native vegetation.

21           The shoreline west and adjacent to the proposed DredgeSox  
22 will be stabilized with 680 linear feet of Flexamat that will be  
23 planted with the harvested Spartina alterniflora. The toe of the  
24 Flexamat will be protected with 680 linear feet of rip rap.

25           It's a little -- this project is a little confusing. So the

1 bridge comes over and you can see where that rip rap is under it.  
2 And then next to that rip rap, there is some vegetation that is  
3 farther out towards the mean low water line. And the erosion is  
4 limited to kinda right here along the bank. And then as you get  
5 down farther, the vegetation ends. The channel gets a little  
6 closer to the shoreline.

7 And so that's the reason for the transitioning of materials.  
8 So where there is a rip rap now, we're going to keep rip rap  
9 because it's very hard to go in and dig all of that out without  
10 causing more mess in the end.

11 And in the spots where there is some existing marsh grass  
12 growing, you can kinda see a little up right there in that  
13 corner. So the impact on that will be very minimal, like a  
14 one-foot strip. So essentially the protection is all going to be  
15 landward of that.

16 So kinda at the point where you see that tree out to where  
17 the vegetation begins, because we wanted to keep as much of that  
18 natural vegetation in place.

19 And when you get up there farther and there's no vegetation  
20 at all, that's where we took a more advanced approach to grading  
21 and Flexamat, and replanting.

22 The western shoreline segment extends from the southwest  
23 corner of the island to northwest corner of the island. The  
24 areas directly beneath the existing private recreational dock is  
25 protected by this rip rap. And that existing rip rap, the same

1 thing, it will be supplemented rather than trying to dig it out  
2 and replace it with something else.

3 And then the shoreline to north and south of the existing  
4 dock and rip rap will be stabilized with 693 linear feet of  
5 Flexamat. There will also be a small amount of Spartina that is  
6 harvested and replanted into the Flexamat. And the toe of the  
7 proposed Flexamat will be protected with 693 linear feet of rip  
8 rap.

9 Something to note on here as well. We try to use oysters  
10 where possible for the toe instead of rip rap. Because this  
11 project stops so far away from the mean low water line, we're up  
12 at an elevation where oysters won't recruit. And so that's why  
13 we went with the rip rap. If we would have impacted more where  
14 we got to mean low water line, we would have used oysters at that  
15 point. But within the project area, oysters would not grow.

16 The total impacts to coastal marshlands for the proposed  
17 living shoreline are 23,654.83 square feet, and will include  
18 145 cubic yards of fill.

19 There is no upland component for the living shoreline as it  
20 does not qualify under the 391-2-3-02, Regulation of Upland  
21 Component of a Project.

22 One more thing to staff in there, too, is we calculated an  
23 amount of marsh that will be temporarily impacted versus what  
24 will be basically to increase in vegetation. And so the  
25 temporary impact will be 2,290 square feet to vegetation.



1           After completion, we will have planted over 18,000 square  
2 feet. So the project, while it does impact a small amount of  
3 vegetation, when the project is done, it will be a 880% increase  
4 in vegetated marsh.

5           COMMISSIONER RABON: Maitland, if you would, please present  
6 the special conditions.

7           MS. BASS: The Public Notice of the Coastal Marshlands  
8 Protection Committee ran from October 2<sup>nd</sup> through  
9 October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Two comments in support of the project  
10 were received.

11           Should the Committee determine that the proposed project is  
12 in the public interest, the Department Staff to the Committee  
13 recommends the following special conditions.

14           Permittee may be required to provide a post-construction  
15 survey to the Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources  
16 Division upon completion of the permitted activity. Such survey  
17 shall comply with the Georgia Plat Act.

18           No dredging is allowed in association of the project.

19           The permittee must install manatee awareness signage during  
20 the construction of the project and adhere to standard manatee  
21 conditions and procedures for aquatic construction as approved by  
22 the Savannah District Office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
23 U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and the Georgia DNR.

24           COMMISSIONER RABON: Thank you, Maitland.

25           One person signed up for public comment. And I'll call on

1 Kat Montgomery.

2 MS. MONTGOMERY: Hello again. Kat Montgomery with One  
3 Hundred Miles. And again, thank you for allowing a comment on  
4 this project. It might be a surprise. We support this project.  
5 Yea.

6 Again, this is a nature based solution to protecting a more  
7 sustained infrastructure. And the only suggestion that we had  
8 was to implement the use of oyster beds, but, you know, thank you  
9 for clarifying for why that is not possible. So that was the  
10 only kind of thing we wanted to add. But, you know, besides  
11 that, we're excited about this project, too.

12 So thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER RABON: Thank you.

14 Sam, do you care to comment?

15 MR. LaBARBA: No. Just any questions?

16 COMMISSIONER RABON: Maitland, do you have any comments.

17 MS. BASS: No, sir.

18 COMMISSIONER RABON: Very good.

19 Any questions from our Committee?

20 [NOTE: No response.]

21 COMMISSIONER RABON: Hearing none, I'll now entertain a  
22 motion.

23 DR. HEPBURN: I am delighted to make a motion to approve  
24 this project with the standard and special conditions.

25 And again, I know Mark and Kim well. And their stewardship

1 is great.

2 And thank you, Sam, for leading it.

3 Kat, we appreciate you guys coming to cheer some of those  
4 projects on. That's very good.

5 MS. MONTGOMERY: Thank you.

6 DR. HEPBURN: So motion to approve.

7 COMMISSIONER RABON: Thank you. I have a motion. Can I get  
8 a second?

9 MR. BROOKSHIRE: Second.

10 COMMISSIONER RABON: Any other discussion?

11 [NOTE: No response.]

12 COMMISSIONER RABON: Hearing none, all in favor, please say  
13 aye.

14 COMMITTEE IN UNISON: Aye.

15 COMMISSIONER RABON: Any opposed?

16 [NOTE: No response.]

17 COMMISSIONER RABON: The project is approved.

18 I now call on Deb for our last project for today.

19 MS. BARREIRO: Good morning. Thank you.

20 The next project is the Savannah Yacht Club. The proposed  
21 project is to dredge and maintenance dredging at an existing  
22 private marina facility on the Wilmington River and Long Field  
23 Creek, and the adjacent residential subdivision on Tom Thumb  
24 Creek. This is located on Whitemarsh Island in Chatham County,  
25 Georgia.

1 I would like to introduce the agent for the applicant,  
2 Stuart Sligh.

3 MR. SLIGH: Good morning. I'm Stuart Sligh. Thanks for  
4 letting us be here.

5 As Deb said, the project is located on Whitemarsh Island,  
6 includes dredging in Tom Thumb Creek, Long Field Creek, and in  
7 the Wilmington River.

8 The Yacht Club includes existing dock facilities on the  
9 Wilmington River, and within Long Field Creek, which are here and  
10 here.

11 This Committee has previously authorized -- not this  
12 Committee, but the CMPA Committees -- previously authorized four  
13 maintenance permits and operations for the Yacht Club and the  
14 adjacent residents. The last one was done in 2015. So it's  
15 about ten-year cycle.

16 The Yacht Club's proposal to do maintenance dredging within  
17 the same areas that were previously authorized, specifically the  
18 maintenance dredging proposes to remove 4,765 cubic yards from  
19 the Wilmington River docks to a depth of minus 12.

20 28,320 cubic yards of sediment are to be removed from the  
21 Long Field Creek docks to a project depth of minus 12.

22 5,955 cubic yards from the Tom Thumb Creek area, which is  
23 adjacent to the Yacht Club. That project depth is minus 8.

24 All dredging will be completed with a 8-inch hydraulic  
25 cutter edge dredge. All dredge material will be pumped into the

1 9.3-acre confined upland disposal facility that's owned by the  
2 Yacht Club.

3 So this is the dredge area here. The disposal facility is  
4 here. This is a closeup.

5 The disposal site is owned by the Yacht Club, has a current  
6 capacity of 96,000 cubic yards. So there's plenty of capacity  
7 for the proposed 39,040 cubic yards of dredging, plus maintenance  
8 dredging.

9 Annual maintenance dredging of 5,000 cubic yards is proposed  
10 annually for the life of the permit.

11 We agree to the Staff's findings and recommendation, and  
12 special conditions. And we're pleased to answer any questions.

13 COMMISSIONER RABON: Deb, if you would present our special  
14 conditions.

15 MS. BARREIRO: Should the Committee determine that the  
16 proposed project is in the public interest -- I'm sorry. Let me  
17 state that the Public Notice of the Coastal Marshlands Protection  
18 Committee ran from October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 to October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.  
19 One comment was received inquiring about the cost-sharing burden  
20 of the project.

21 Now should the Committee determine that the proposed project  
22 is in the public interest, the Department Staff recommends the  
23 following special and standard conditions.

24 Permittee must comply with the water quality monitoring  
25 requirement and discharge limitations included as special

1 conditions in the U.S. ACE dredging permit. Should DNR-EPD  
2 establish a new dissolved oxygen or other standard applicable to  
3 the permitted activities at this site, these requirements may be  
4 modified with notice provided to the permittee.

5 Dredging is limited to the area identified in the proposed  
6 project drawings, and allows for the dredging of up to  
7 39,040 cubic yards of sediment during the initial dredging event,  
8 and maintenance dredging events are permitted for up to  
9 5,000 cubic yards annually.

10 Permittee must provide the Department with a project  
11 schedule for all dredging operations. The schedule must be  
12 received no less than 30 days prior to commencing the dredging  
13 activities.

14 Permittee shall provide a post-construction bathymetric  
15 survey within 30 days after completion of each dredge event.

16 And the permittee must install manatee awareness signage  
17 during the project.

18 COMMISSIONER RABON: Thank you, Deb.

19 We have no public comment. Are there any questions from the  
20 Committee?

21 MR. POOLE: I have one just out of curiosity. The disposal  
22 field, that's obviously private property and has been in place  
23 for a while. The project will be permitted up to 5,000 cubic  
24 yards annually. What's the life expectancy of that field? Do we  
25 know?

1 MS. BARREIRO: No. I would assume it's being maintained,  
2 and it will remain a disposal area in perpetuity as long as the  
3 Yacht Club owns it.

4 MR. POOLE: Okay. There's no limited date on it.

5 MS. BARREIRO: No, there's not.

6 MR. POOLE: Okay. Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER RABON: Any other questions from the Committee?

8 [NOTE: No response.]

9 COMMISSIONER RABON: At this time, I now call for a motion.

10 MR. POOLE: I make a motion to approve this project.

11 COMMISSIONER RABON: I have a motion. Can I get a second?

12 DR. HEPBURN: Second.

13 COMMISSIONER RABON: Any further discussion?

14 [NOTE: No response.]

15 COMMISSIONER RABON: Hearing none, I will now call the  
16 question to a vote. All in favor please say aye.

17 COMMITTEE IN UNISON: Aye.

18 COMMISSIONER RABON: Any opposed?

19 [NOTE: No response.]

20 COMMISSIONER RABON: The motion is carried and approved.

21 Thank you, Deb.

22 Before we conclude today's meeting, Chad Barrow could not be  
23 with us today. But I want us to recognize him for his eight  
24 years of service to the Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee.

25 Chad is coming to the end of his second term at end of

1 December. So I wanted to acknowledge him personally and from the  
2 Department, and extend our appreciation for his commitment in  
3 reviewing the projects that before this Committee, his  
4 engagement, and the thoughtful deliberations they have at each  
5 meeting, and always making decisions with the public's interest  
6 in mind.

7 So it was a pleasure serving with Chad. And we will have  
8 him at a future meeting to recognize him personally.

9 I would also add that the application for his replacement,  
10 that period closed on October 27<sup>th</sup>. And that new Committee  
11 member will join us for the January 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

12 With that, any other questions or comments from the  
13 Committee?

14 [NOTE: No response.]

15 COMMISSIONER RABON: Hearing none, we will adjourn a very  
16 proficient meeting as always. Thank you to all of the Staff that  
17 make these meetings go so well.

18 We are adjourned.  
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Cindy Norton, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing pages is a true, complete, and accurate transcript of the Minutes of the Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee as stated in the captioned matter.

This the 28th day of November, 2025.

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